



Council Minority Moves To Oust Town Manager

Small Families In Large Houses May Have To Move, Says Cormack

Community Manager Cormack announced this week that changes of dwelling may be indicated for many families in old Greenbelt. In situations where the number of people occupying a dwelling has decreased, the remaining persons may be moved into a smaller unit, and similarly, large families crowded into a small unit will be given more suitable living space as soon as it is available. While an attempt has always been made to accommodate the larger families, the ordinary turnover is slight and a more equitable distribution of the dwelling space is indicated.

No notices of either readjusted rents or a change in residence have gone out, but Mr. Cormack commented, "I have no doubt that there will have to be some notices sent when we finish with the rent re-examination." The job should be completed by July 1, Mr. Cormack added. He also reminded residents that any changes are simply an enforcement of the regular provisions of the lease.

Rents Reviewed

Residents of old Greenbelt received notices of the annual re-examination of rents.

The re-examination consists of a survey of the number of persons occupying a dwelling unit and the income earned by persons living in the unit. According to results of the survey, rents will be readjusted to fit the changed economic status of many families.

High Man Out

Questioned by the "Cooperator" concerning the rumor that families whose income has reached too high a level may be asked to leave Greenbelt, Mr. Cormack replied that he has received no instructions on the subject. He commented that if the community has a ceiling for residency, in subsidized public housing it is natural that there should be a ceiling for continued occupancy. During the war, however, this policy was interpreted more liberally. Mr. Cormack added, however, that he personally feels that until at least people with higher incomes can find housing, there will be no drastic upheaval.

New Greenbelt may eventually have some readjustment, although nothing is planned at present. There is a \$3000 income limitation for admittance to old Greenbelt, but the only stipulation for housing in the defense section is that the applicant be a distressed veteran. There are about 1500 names on the present waiting list for Greenbelt dwellings. Persons now finding home here are those who applied in February, 1946.

Brown-Bates

All friends of Jean Brown, 36-A Ridge Road and Dick Bates are invited to a reception at Miss Brown's home at 5:30 p. m., Tuesday, May 13. Miss Brown and Mr. Bates will be married earlier Tuesday afternoon.

Child Care Center

Serving on the Child Care Executive board for the coming year are Mrs. Frederick McCarthy and Mrs. Jane Powers (re-elected), Mrs. John Resnick, Mrs. Loma Stasiunas and Mr. J. W. Wirwile. They were elected at the Center's annual membership meeting, held May 6.

The group voted to hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 17, and to raffle off a large cake.

AVC Auxiliary Meets On Wednesday, May 14

The next regular meeting of the American Veterans' Committee Women's Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 8:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. James E. Walsh, Jr., 58-D Ridge Road. A report will be given on the card party, and arrangements will be made to remember the birthdays of disabled veterans in a nearby hospital.

EAST SAYS: FPHA Can't Issue Sale Policy Now

It is impossible, at the present time, for the Federal Public Housing Administration to outline policies or to take definite steps with respect to selling Greenbelt. Ultimate action depends upon Congressional legislation, which is still in a state of flux. These opinions were voiced by President Sherrod East at last Monday's meeting of the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association.

Now numbering approximately half of the residents of Greenbelt in its ranks, the Association hopes to buy the original and Lanham Act units under a previously-stated FPHA policy that present occupants would be given first priority to buy when Greenbelt is put on the market.

Abe Chasanow urged a "show-down" with FPHA in an attempt to get a policy stated upon which the group can go ahead and make plans.

In the absence of a quorum, the scheduled election of a new nine-man board of directors to manage the Association was postponed. The present board will set the date for a new election meeting.

GCS Invites Bids On Super Market

Invitations for contractors to submit bids on the construction of Greenbelt's new store building have been sent out by Ross and Walton, GCS architects. Closing date for submission of bids is May 23, 1947, and a contract should be concluded shortly thereafter. Construction is scheduled to start not later than July 1.

Culmination of months of painstaking planning, the store building is expected to be one of the most modern of its kind in the East. From the soft fluorescent lighting in the restaurant and soda fountain, to the "Toonerville Trolley" meat handling track system in the super-market, the structure plans to embody the latest ideas in pleasing appearance and labor-saving devices.

Bus Trip To Lake To Start Sunday

Bus service from Greenbelt to the lake on Sunday afternoons will be inaugurated this Sunday, co-op bus manager Elwin Wintringham announced this week.

The bus will make one trip an hour, leaving the center at 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p. m. Mr. Wintringham said the lake trips will not interfere with the regular half-hourly bus schedule around town. A five-cent fare will be charged for the trip from the center to the lake.

Another announcement from Greenbelt Consumer Services concerns rush hour connections with incoming Washington buses. Leaving the center at ten before four, five and six, the co-op bus will stop at Ridge and Southway to pick up passengers coming into Greenbelt on the Transit bus, provided the Transit bus comes in on schedule.

GHA Lawn Social

The next quarterly membership meeting of the Greenbelt Health Association will be held Tuesday night May 13 at 8:30 p. m. at 30-D Ridge Road.

The meeting will be in the form of a lawn social and reception for new staff members and Dr. Bloomberg. Refreshments will be served. Reports will be read by President Ruth Bowman and Treasurer Tom Ritchie.

Gobbel's Reply Due Monday Night

Recent months of Council-Town Manager tension were climaxed last Monday when Mayor George Bauer and Councilman John Cain asked for James T. Gobbel's resignation. Confirming reports received by the Cooperator about the requested resignation, Councilman Allen Morrison announced his support of Mr. Gobbel's administration of the town manager's office, claiming that the Bauer-Cain move was a pre-election attempt at a show of power.

Asked for a statement, Mr. Gobbel said, "Under the council-manager form of municipal government, the town manager must have the support of the town council if he is to be able to administer the affairs of the town successfully. I expect to make a statement to the town council at its next meeting on Monday night. Beyond this I have no further comment to make."

House Committee Is Now Deciding Greenbelt's Fate

The House Banking and Currency Committee concluded hearings on the disposition of permanent war housing this week and moved into executive session. Comments from committee members indicate that a bill will be drawn up giving veterans preference on purchase of these properties and revising the present appraisal system being used by FPHA. It is likely that this legislation will state that on sales of these properties a cash return must be made to the Treasury. The consensus of opinion seems to be that veterans can negotiate loans through FPHA or some other governmental agency rather than having FPHA sell these properties on time payments.

Morton Bodfish, representing the U. S. Savings and Loan League, asked Monday that the disposal of government housing be put under the Federal Works Agency and that it be sold immediately. He said he was "suspicious of FPHA cooperative and mutual ownership arrangements."

The Norwayne, Michigan Development committee, on the other hand, recommended at the hearing that sale of properties be to occupants individually, or on behalf of mutual ownership or to limited dividend corporations whereby local control can be retained. The committee opposed the cash only policy.

Jewish Appeal Quota Doubled

The Greenbelt United Jewish Appeal Committee will meet Wednesday, May 14 at 8:30 p. m. in room 223 of the center school. Rabbi I. Breslau, co-chairman of the Washington and suburban areas UJA drive, and Harold Greenberg of Mt. Rainier, chairman of the Prince Georges County drive, will be principal speakers. Five volunteer workers from the following Greenbelt organizations will also attend: the Jewish Community Center, Labor Zionist Organization, National Council of Jewish Women, and the B'nai B'rith Women's Auxiliary.

The Greenbelt committee was formed at a meeting held May 4 at the home of Rabbi Morris Sandhaus. Officers are: co-chairmen, Rabbi M. Sandhaus and Dr. A. Kramer; secretaries, Mrs. David Fisher and Mrs. Florence Bloom; treasurer, Lester Citron. Mrs. Samuel J. Ringel is in charge of publicity.

A movie entitled "The Will to Live," with Paul Muni as narrator, showing relief, rehabilitation and resettlement work done with funds from the UJA was shown.

The quota for the Washington and suburban area has been doubled from one to two million dollars. The funds will go towards relief for the million and a half Jewish survivors of a pre-war Jewish population in Europe of seven million, and the resettlement of thousands of displaced persons in Palestine and other lands.

Anyone desiring to make a contribution or wishing information may contact Mrs. Fisher at 2666 or Dr. Kramer at 2678.



BAUER



GOBBEL

Mr. Bauer said when asked this week for his statement, "I refuse to stick my neck out any further," adding that he did not believe the matter should be aired publicly yet. Mr. Cain, his supporter in the ousting attempt, also refused to comment.

Councilman Joseph Rogers could not be reached. Councilman Paul Dunbar said he would prefer not to comment until all the facts were made known.

Crucial Item

Mr. Morrison expressed his confidence that the majority of the council would not accept a resignation if one were tendered.

One item of paramount importance facing the town council at present is the framing of zoning ordinances to protect Greenbelt in the event of its sale, said Mr. Morrison. The council could not possibly at this time find another manager with Mr. Gobbel's knowledge of the zoning problem facing Greenbelt, Mr. Morrison said.

Canteen Opening Draws Big Crowd

Youth Canteen president Jimmy Williams will appear on WGAY's teen-age program tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. Jimmy was presented with the key to the new Drop-Inn building by Community Manager Cormack last Saturday when "open house" was held.

Nearly 400 parents and children took the opportunity of inspecting the teen-agers' new hang-out, complete with newly-hung curtains, attractive paint job, and above all, a feeling of spaciousness, much in contrast to the canteen's previous quarters underneath the police station.

Open house extended from 7 to 9, after which the teen-agers took over with a dance till 12 to the music of Bill Baxter's orchestra, giving its time as a contribution. Mrs. Rogers accepted contributions at the door for additions and improvements, and Mrs. Herbert Hall donated a cake which was raffled off for the benefit of the general treasury.

Greenbelt Consumer Services has made fountain room equipment available and has made special arrangements to sell ice cream to the Drop-Inn at a special rate. Jack Coleman, GCS fountain manager, has introduced the Drop-Inn fountain workers to the art of making sundaes.

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While Rome Burns

The time gets shorter and shorter for Greenbelt to take
action to protect itself against the decisions of an unsym-
pathetic Congress. It is crucially important for the long-
awaited, over-all zoning ordinance to be framed and
passed.

With so much at stake it is unforgivable for men in re-
sponsible elective positions to engage in time-consuming
feuds. If these men cannot think straight in this time of
crisis, they should be replaced with men who have the real
interest of Greenbelt at heart.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE
Phone 3667

Finding herself in sympathy
with our editor's comments on a
memorial for veterans in last
week's editorial, Mrs. Herbert
Barberie, 24-D Ridge Road, phoned
and told us about her own home
town. Indiana, Pa. is famous
among other reasons, for being
the home town of the movie actor,
Jimmie Stewart, and also for NOT
having a memorial arch. About
a year ago, the city fathers plan-
ned to erect a memorial arch.
Mrs. Barberie's brother, Edward
L. Fairman, then a private out in
the Pacific, read his home news-
paper's account of the proposal,
and sent in his own opinion which
was subsequently published. Pri-
vate Fairman stated that he and
all returning veterans with chil-
dren would certainly appreciate
far more that the funds be ex-
pended on a vocational program
in the local high school, which
was sadly inadequate. Perhaps
other veterans of Indiana, Pa.,
voiced similar opinions; perhaps
Jimmy Stewart, a veteran, did too.
At any rate, the memorial arch
was never built.

Mrs. Irving Levine, 1-G Laurel
Hill Road, with the help of all her
neighbors, gave a farewell party
Tuesday evening in honor of Mr.
and Mrs. Edward Ellis who left the
following day for St. Louis, Mo.
About 34 guests were present. Last
Saturday, a farewell birthday party
was given for Bunny Ellis who has
just turned six.

Another farewell party took
place at 19-M Ridge Road, the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaefer,
last Saturday night. It was
given in honor of Philip and Sylvia
Guss, 18-F Parkway, who left for
New York City on Monday. They
had lived here about four years.

On Tuesday Jackie Rowe cele-
brated his fifth birthday with a
party for about 25 guests at his
home, 2-V Laurel Hill Road. Last
week, his sister, Mary Beth, cele-
brated her second birthday.

Mrs. Bill Jensen's sister, Mrs.
Jerry Valenti of Rochester, N. Y.,
arrived on Tuesday for a week's
visit at 4-B Crescent Road.

Earl Newton, 1-D Woodland
Way, returned by plane on April
29 from Moscow where he had
been for the duration of the Con-
ference. Mr. Newton was with the
American delegation of the Coun-
cil of Foreign Ministers. As vi-
sitors, he and the others in the de-
legations enjoyed the hospitality of
the Russians. They were escorted
through the Kremlin, viewing the
many fabulous and historical treas-

ures. They stayed at the Moscow
Hotel, the very best hotel in the
city. They attended the theatre,
the ballet and a Moscow night club.
Their interpreter, a little old lady
who helped them select from the
French-Russian menus, confided
that the Russians liked the Ameri-
cans very much. When Mr. New-
ton arrived in Moscow in early
March, it was 25 below zero. There
was lots of snow. With each snow-
fall, women street cleaners shovel-
ed the snow into trucks. The Rus-
sians impressed Mr. Newton as be-
ing inquisitive and eager to learn.
Last week the Jorgensens bade
goodbye to Hans Jorgensen's sister
at Washington airport. Mrs. Rus-
sell Nielsen and her year-old son,
Peter, flew to Copenhagen, Den-
mark. She has sent a radiogram,
announcing her safe arrival in
Denmark.

Mrs. Harry Pollack, 5 Woodland
Way, had as weekend visitor her
sister, Mrs. Sylvia Kron of New
York City.

Five-year-old Donald Hargy of
2-B Laurel Hill Road and his
grandmother, Mrs. Margie Hargy
of College Park, were would-be
air travelers to New York last
week. Their plane, the first al-
lowed to leave Washington airport
in two days of fog, was forced by
the bad weather to land in Balti-
more. They reached their destina-
tion by train and spent the week-
end in New York as guests of Mrs.
Marie Rivers.

Mrs. George J. Meyer and Mrs.
Walter Wolke of Bristol, Conn.
were overnight guests last Monday
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Win-
fred A. Meyer, 54-F Crescent Road.

A farewell party was given for
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Frank last
Saturday evening at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lachman,
12-A Plateau Place. All the guests
cooperated with individual contri-
butions towards the feast. A
Mirro-matic pressure cooker was
the parting gift to the couple, leav-
ing to make their permanent home
in Toms River, N. J.

Five-year-old Maureen Holland,
10-R Plateau Place, recently won a
photograph contest conducted by
Murphy's in Washington. Her
prize-winning photo appeared in
the Star. Maureen was given an
8 by 10 free copy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hess, former
Greenbelters, now of Clarksburg,
Md., have sent word of the birth
of their infant son on April 25.

On April 29, Freddie Kennedy of
2-U Laurel Hill Road was one
year old and celebrated the event
with a party. All his neighboring
contemporaries attended.

It will be a long time before we
see Mrs. Joseph Story behind the
candy counter again. She is at
home recovering from a recent ill-
ness, and taking a prolonged rest.
Her husband, also a convalescent,

To The Editor:

Living Memorial

To the Editor:

I heartily agree with your edi-
torial recommending the erection
of a living memorial with the Vic-
tory Day Fund. Among many sug-
gestions may I propose a band-
stand suitably surrounded by
shrubs and flowers with a com-
memorative plaque attached there-
on?

—BEULAH BUKZIN

See You Monday

To the Editor:

... Opinionated persons will feel
that this has been ghost-written,
editorialized, corrected, proofed,
and set in type by my "better
half." (My wife is the council re-
porter.) At the same time it so
happens that I am not in any way
connected with any local associa-
tion or group. But I feel I have
the right to express myself as I
see fit.

Elsewhere, in this paper appears
a story on dissension in our local
government. I don't pretend to
know the background or feelings
involved. I do believe that it's im-
portant enough for me to come out
of hibernation and go down to the
council meeting Monday night and
find out for myself.

I believe it's important enough
for me to put in my two bits worth
in urging that every man and
woman in town that can attend
do so.

—EDWARD W. MEREDITH

Thanks Friends

Dear Friends,

I wish to express my thanks and
appreciation for the help and com-
fort you gave me when I so badly
needed it.

It is reassuring to know I have
so many good friends and neigh-
bors to help me through this period
of readjustment.

There is so much I want to say
but my heart is too full. I would
like each of you to know that you
have helped make it possible for
me to stay here in Greenbelt and
keep my home and children to-
gether as their father would have
wished. Thank you.

—MRS. FRANK T. JONES, JR.

Add Dave To List

To the Editor:

Your article on the Greenbelt
Federal Credit Union appearing in
last week's Cooperator inadvert-
ently omitted the name of David
Steinle, Chairman of the Credit
Committee which approves all
loans made by the Credit Union to
its members. As the primary pur-
pose of a Credit Union is making
loans to its members, the import-
ance of this Committee cannot be
too greatly emphasized. "Dave"
has been a member of this group
virtually since its inception, and
the Credit Union owes much to
him for its low "loss" rate and
his long period of service with us.
We hope that you will make this
correction in your next edition.

ROBERT H. WATSON,
Secretary-Treasurer
Greenbelt Federal Credit
Union

is getting along splendidly.

Last week, Mrs. Thomas Calla-
nan enjoyed the company of three
of her friends from Chicago. Marie
Noonan was her over-night visitor
on Tuesday. The following Friday,
Mrs. Spencer Solheim and Miss
Eleanor Courtney, house guests of
Mrs. Edwin Lahey in Washington,
came to Greenbelt with Mrs. La-
hey to be Mrs. Callanan's luncheon
guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slight,
2-A Laurel Hill Road, have visiting
them for two weeks Mrs. Slight's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Featherstone of Brighton, Mass.,
who enjoyed particularly the com-
panionship of their only grand-
child, two-year-old Larry Slight.

On Sunday, 8-year-old Dickie
Meyers fell and broke his wrist
while playing near his home at
14-N Laurel Hill Road and was
taken to Leland Memorial Hospi-
tal. His wrist is healing nicely.

Flowers are not the only things
that "bloom in the spring." Here
are some of the spring's baby crop:

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Nihart,
14-W Laurel Hill Road, announce
the birth at Leland Memorial Hospi-
tal on April 30 of their fourth
child, and first son, David Franklin
Nihart.

Four-year-old Susan Kaye, 2-B
Southway, is now big sister to
Kenneth Michael, born to Mr. and
Mrs. Philip K. Kaye at Leland Me-
morial Hospital on April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lars Bronstein,
6-F Ridge Road, happily announce
the birth of their third child and
first daughter, Deena, on May 2.

Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and
9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt thea-
ter; 7 a. m., 9 a. m., 10:30 a. m.,
and 11:45 at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30
to 9 p. m. at 58-A Crescent in
Greenbelt. Saturday at Berwyn
from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to
9 p. m.

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn
every Wednesday evening at 8
p. m.

Choir practice will be held every
Sunday morning immediately fol-
lowing the 9:30 mass.

Lutheran Church

Friday, May 9—

8 p. m.—Lydia Circle meets at
the home of Mrs. Clarence Berg,
20-H Hillside Road.

11:30 a. m.—Adult Bible and
Sunday school classes.

12:30 p. m.—Church service in
the home economics room of the
center school. Rev. Pieplow will
conduct the service.

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Pastor, Rev. Chester J. Craig
6007 Baltimore Avenue
Riverdale, Md.

Phone UNion 1658

Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11—

9:45 a. m.—Church School

11 a. m.—Morning Worship (Spe-
cial Mothers Day service)

8 p. m.—Evening Worship.

Wednesday, May 14—

8 p. m.—Choir practice at the
church.

Thursday, May 15—

8 p. m.—Cottage Prayer Service
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Em-
mett R. Griggs, 11-F Ridge Road,
Greenbelt, Md.

Community Church

May 10, Saturday—

10:30 a. m.—Junior Choir Re-
hearsal, directed by Mrs. Harry
Rhodes in center school audi-
torium.

May 11, Sunday, Mother's Day—

9:30 a. m.—Church School, Tom
Berry, superintendent.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class,
James T. Gobbel, teacher.

10 a. m.—Pastor's Class of In-
struction.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery,
sponsored by the Church Guilds.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. Board
of Ushers will offer flower in-
signia for Mother's Day. Special
Junior Choir anthem directed by
Mrs. Harry Rhodes; Senior Choir
music directed by Tom Ritchie
with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the or-
gan. Special music selection by
members of the Men's Class. Ser-
mon theme: "Behold Thy Mother."

8 p. m.—Board of Deacons meets
at the church office, 8-B Parkway.

May 12, Monday—

8 p. m.—Church Women's Dis-
cussion Group meets at Rachel
Garner's apartment, 11-B Parkway.

May 14, Wednesday—

8 p. m.—Choir rehearsal.

8:15 p. m.—Couples Club will at-
tend the Guild-sponsored movie:
"Wake Up and Dream." Follow-
ing this they will meet at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Althaus, 6-Q
Ridge Road, for coffee.

May 16, Friday—

8:15 p. m.—Philathea Class meet-
ing.

Hebrew Services

Regular Sabbath Services will be
held Friday evening, May 9, at
8:30 p. m. in room 201, center
school, Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus
conducting.

FIRE FIGHTERS STATEMENT

As volunteer firemen we wish to take vehement issue with
a statement in your second editorial of last week—"The issue at
stake was a minor one, of no vital concern to our citizens." Such
a statement publicly announces your complete ignorance
of facts and, as you were extended an invitation several weeks
ago to acquaint yourselves with these facts and did not do so,
such ignorance is in no way excusable or pardonable. By such
statements you infer, as did several "citizens" (including one
well-paid town employee) present at the Council meeting, that
a Fourth of July parade and fund raising is more important to
you than fire protection for this community and its people. If
such is your official stand, you fail so badly in your duty as a
newspaper, supposed to inform this community regarding issues
of interest and concern to it, that you are reduced to little more
than a propaganda organ, ignoring facts and presenting as news
only such things as you desire to see in a very limited "view
field."

To you who do not actually fight these fires, particularly
those so carelessly started in the surrounding wooded areas, a
mere statement of facts concerned in the matters seems futile.
It is not you who have to fight these fires with inferior and
inadequate equipment that is dangerous not only to the volun-
teer who must use it and whose very life may depend on it, but
also to the town if these fires should get out of control due to
this dearth of equipment!

The "issue" you refer to "as of no vital concern to our citi-
zens" gives a direct insult to the volunteers who, with no com-
pensation and no thanks (except some given very recently as an
apparent afterthought) have given their services to protect this
town. We are "citizens" and Greenbelters, in fact a lot better
ones than those of you who sit placidly back and talk of "kids on
a fire engine" and never offer to help us. These "critics" are very
quick to comment, but are doubly quick to call us if needed! Such
hypocrisy should be "rewarded," but such "reward" would be
negligence of duty on our part, and our record shows that we
have never been negligent—we intend to keep that record that
way. In fact, it was a teen aged "boy" (again a better "man"
than our critics) who went in and got the body of our only
fatality, after he had been told that "it couldn't be done." Again,
as to it being "of no vital concern," it is the volunteers
and no one else who will get burned both literally and figura-
tively unless we cooperate with the other departments when
needed, and can depend on them if they are needed by us.

The latest town directory also ignores the volunteers by
stating "each police officer is also a trained fireman and they
man the two modern fire trucks in case of fire." The facts are
that one full time and one part time police officer are "trained
firemen" as against over 75% of the volunteers who are gradu-
ates of the approved University of Maryland course and quali-
fied to join the fire departments of any large city. As only one,
or, on occasion two, police officers "run" to fires, it is hard to
see how they "man" the two engines that are from from being
modern.

We could go on and state that our boots are 10 years or
more old, full of dirt, etc., and not properly fitted; that we have,
at present, only 4 Indian pumps when a minimum of 12 is
needed; that we do not have enough running coats or other
protection for our clothes, but these facts are technical and
mean little to the average person. Only those who must use
them know their inadequacy and the danger attached to such
inadequacy.

The magnificent sum of \$150—\$12.50 per month—was re-
quested by the Director of Public Safety to run the fire depart-
ment in this town of 8000 people! This amount he considered
as of such apparently small importance that it was not even
broken down in the budget of the proper department as had
been requested by the Town Council. The equipment that we
are now asking for will amount to about \$1800, or about \$180 a
year if properly prorated over the last ten years, whereas the
district Fire Marshal stated that even a small nearby depart-
ment uses \$2300 to \$2800 per year. Is \$1800 too much to ask
when it has been mainly volunteers who have kept your fire loss
at less than \$1000 in 10 years? It seems to be, although a very
small amount of equipment has begun to trickle in to us in the
last few days.

A rather disgraceful fact is that out of over 8000 people we
can barely get enough men to "man" 2 engines with 8 men
each. What a "record"! Do we need a bad fire before this town
wakes up and gives us a hand? Apparently so, as the average
attitude here seems to be "Let Joe do it," and then gripe like
the devil when "Joe" is needed and can't do a first-class job as
the "grippers" have hamstrung him.

Again, let us repeat, it not those who criticize us or try to
discourage us by their negative and negligent attitudes that
fight these fires, and, until they do they have no right to try in
any way to damage the efficiency and morale of the ones who
really do the work rather than give it "lip service"!

Originally submitted as a letter to the editor, this is a paid advertisement
by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Fighters. The organization was unwilling
for its letter to be condensed, as is the paper's policy when letters are submitted
over 150 words in length.

Shamrocks Beat Rockville, 4-2, In First Montgomery League Game

Sunday the Greenbelt Shamrocks, traveling to Rockville to make their debut in the Montgomery County League, came home with a 4-2 win. Although the local nine came out on top, they had to work to chalk up their initial victory of the current season. Around 40 local fans followed the team to Rockville.

Reps Open Season Tomorrow Night

The Greenbelt Reps will open their 1947 season in the County Softball League by meeting the defending champs, Clifton Liquors, at 8 tomorrow evening on the Braden Field diamond. This will be the first game of a double-header, the second game featuring American Auto Association vs. Judd and Detweiler at 9:30 p. m. Opening game ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p. m. at which time the managers of all the teams will be presented and the mayor and town manager of Greenbelt will throw out the first ball.

Jr. Rep Softball Team Organized For Town Boys

A Jr. Reps Softball team is being organized for boys of the town around the ages of 17 to 23 under the direction of George Bauer. The boys meet Saturday and Sunday at Braden Field.

It is hoped that the team can be entered in a ball league in the Washington area or at Laurel, Md.

The boys present at practice last weekend were: Robell, G. Bauer, F. Bauer, Glazier, Helgren, Newman, B. Cookson, Carneal, Strickler, Runnion, Hardin, Hunter and Scordellis.

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Greenbelt got away to an early 1-0 lead in their half of the first, only to see the home team come right back in the bottom half of the inning and tie it up. LaValley opened the inning with a slow single to short and at this point Baher, the Rockville hurler, couldn't find the plate and walked the next three batters forcing the Shamrock firstsacker home.

In the fifth Greenbelt picked up another run when Eckhart doubled Crouthamel across. Again in the sixth Rockville tallied and tied it up, 2-2.

When the lucky seventh rolled around, LaValley got his second hit of the day to start things going again. Then with two out, Andrews was purposely passed to get at Tierney. Lou crossed Rockville's strategy, however, when he doubled to right center to score LaValley. Raber, the next batter, followed with a single to push Andrews home and Greenbelt out in front 4-2.

Crouthamel pitched a very good game, giving up ten well-spaced hits and striking out twelve. Only one batter managed to work Harry for a base on balls, while seven reached first base off Baher in this manner.

Next Sunday the Shamrocks meet a strong Gaithersburg team at Braden Field at 3 p. m.

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LaValley, 1b	4	2	2	0
Wrenn, rf	1	0	0	0
Eckhart, rf	3	0	1	0
Andrews, cf	2	1	0	0
Tierney, c	3	0	1	0
Raber, ss	4	0	1	1
Enzor, lf	4	0	1	0
McCauley, 3b	1	0	0	0
Gurney, 3b	3	0	0	0
Wolfe, 2b	3	0	0	0
Crouthamel, p	4	1	2	1
	32	4	8	1

Mrs. Kern Second In Rifle Match

"Woman's place is on the firing line," says Mildred "Toots" Kern, who has twice in succession out-shot all the male gunners in the Greenbelt Gun Club. At the first official summer match of the Maryland Rifle League, held here on May 4, Mrs. Kern made 398 out of a possible 400. She was second high for the entire match of 38 competitors, representing six different gun clubs.

Top score of the day was the 400 fired by Sherrod of the Prince Georges Club; this was the first perfect score ever to be shot on the Greenbelt range. Mrs. Billy Kirts, of 57-B Ridge Road, was the other Greenbelt woman taking part in what was her first formal outdoor rifle competition. The Greenbelt shooters also aggregated the best scores of all clubs participating.

Refreshments were served at the range house by Mrs. Paul Klender, Mrs. Sam Wallace and Mrs. Kirts. Elaine Gardner handled the preliminary arrangements.

The Greenbelt Gun Club is participating in a series of nine matches this summer in the Maryland Rifle League program. The May 4 match was the lead-off; others follow at three-week intervals, using the ranges at Edmonston and Beltsville, as well as in Greenbelt. Next League match will be at Edmonston on May 25.

Waltonians Fish

By E. DON BULLIAN
About 20 members of the Greenbelt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League went on a fishing trip last Saturday and Sunday to Choptank Park in Virginia.

The trips won the approval of all the campers who unanimously voted for more trips. As these trips are not planned to make a profit but are primarily for the entertainment of the members, the cost is kept at a minimum. Total individual cost of the two-day excursion was only \$2, with a possibility that this figure may be lowered by better planning in the future.

Fisherman of the trip was Bob Brinson who caught the largest bass, but you should have seen the one that got away from Jack McNeel. Top honors for the largest number of fish caught was divided between "Pop" Van Orsdel and Roland Dickman. Dr. McCarl and Harvey Wharton might have given them a run for the fishing honors if they had not taken three hours to locate the camp, which was only 100 yards away. They were not lost, but neither one knew where he was.

The cooking ability of Will Mead was praised by everyone; he's actually as good a cook as he is a photographer. The wood-chopping of Van Camp, Swisher and Macchio was very instrumental in keeping the home fires burning in addition to cooking. Non-essential activities included the noise-making of Don and Tom Freeman and Carl Pearson, in addition to the masterful card playing of Harry Walls and Don Kling. The prize boner, however, was pulled by Don Bullian, who in making reservations had asked for June 3 and 4 instead of May 3 and 4. A few anxious moments were spent in the camp manager's office, but he finally located a vacancy for the group.

Bible Study Group

Kenneth W. Orndol, 10-B Hillside, announces that a Bible study group will meet at his home each Thursday at 8 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Sports Stuff

By JOHN COSTA
Rain, oh is it ever going to rain again, rain. Well, you don't have to worry about singing that song around this locality. Saturday, it was a merry-go-round, first the sun, then the clouds, and then the water-works. The weather put the damper on outdoor activities such as 1. The Shamrocks vs Bamby Bread; 2. Sr. Reps vs Jr. Reps; 3. Afternoon tennis and handball; 4. Sun-bathing (a great sport enjoyed by thousands); 5. Center 3 to 5 p. m. Gab Club (a great sport enjoyed by millions).

How about a boxing club. We have some willing and able contestants on hand. At a recent A.A.U. boxing tournament, not one Greenbelter was entered. Such Clubs as Merrick, Apollo, Prince Georges, Washington Boys Club, etc. were well represented. Boxing under AAU jurisdiction is not a brutal or savage brawl, but a regulated and well-supervised contest. It keeps the boys well-conditioned and alert, teaches them self-defense and proper offense. Amateur boxing is something all boys enjoy, physically and morally; let's do something to bring boxing up to par in this town. A cue for the American Legion and Greenbelt Athletic Club.

GHS Downs Mounts 5-1

The Greenbelt High School baseball team defeated a hard-fighting Mt. Rainier nine last Tuesday by a score of 5 to 1. Greenbelt got four runs right off the bat. A scheduled game with Bladensburg last Friday was rained out after a few innings.

Starting line-up with Greenbelt in the Mt. Rainier game was: Scott, p; Martone, c; Randolph, 1b; Hause, 2b; O'Mahoney, ss; Longnecker, 3b; Goodall, rf; Craig, cf; Benefiel, lf.

Sports Stuff In By Monday

John Costa, new Sports Editor, asks that all sports news be turned in before or on Monday nights. Items may be dropped in the Tobacco Store box or at the Co-operator Office.

Track Meet Tues. For Grade Schools

The annual track meet for the elementary schools of the town will be held on May 13 at 9:30 p. m. on Braden Field. The classes have been divided into four groups: grades 2 and 3, grades 3 and 4, grades 4 and 5, and grades 5 and 6. Dashes, relays, field events and games have been scheduled for the various groups.

The morning schedule will include dashes for all groups and a game exhibition by the first grades. Children will be dismissed for lunch at 11:30, center school children reporting to the cafeteria or going home for lunch and Northenders having a picnic lunch on the playground. At 1 the children will report back to their classrooms. The meet will resume soon after, with relays, then field events and then dodge ball games taking place.

The Recreation Department is in charge and will be assisted by older boys and girls in the town. Parents are invited to come down and watch the meet, but are asked to keep younger children near them at all times.

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Rent Control Bills Cater To Lobbies

By MELITA MEYER

Rent control "as is" and has been since 1942 will not be extended in this session of Congress, judging by what happened in the House last week. House and Senate rent control bills are merely complicated paper blueprints acceptable to real estate lobbies for decontrol of rents, with loopholes that any real estate agent or landlord can wiggle through to get an increase or an eviction. There are differences in both bills that will have to be hashed out, but these differences are mainly on the side of the hole or on how many to allow.

Rent Controls Killed

The Wolcott Bill (HR 3203) pertaining to rent controls passed the House last week, and S-1017 by Douglass Buck (R., Delaware) is awaiting floor action. The Senate bill will probably come up after the debate on the labor bill.

Fifty-two legislators, mainly Democrats and a few younger liberal Republicans, joined Rep. Helen G. Douglas in a last-ditch fight to extend rent controls "as is," but her amendment was defeated.

Another amendment sponsored by Patman (D., Texas) to recommit the bill, was also defeated. This amendment drew support from the above groups as well as outright "decontrollers." It was carried by a voice vote, but Jesse Wolcott and Republican members of the House Banking and Currency Committee managed to swing enough votes to defeat the measure on the record vote.

Sasscer Backs Control

Congressman Lansdale Sasscer of this District, who voted to recommit the bill and later against it, told this reporter that the bill does not extend rent controls, as the Republicans would like people to believe, and that he voted to recommit it so that a workable bill could be reported out of committee.

Mrs. Douglas on the floor of the House stated that the Wolcott bill "legalizes blackjacking; legalizes the use of fear to obtain higher rents." The bill provides that if a tenant and landlord voluntarily enter into a written lease which is to expire on or before December 31, 1948, the rent may be increased.

"... this bill legalizes decontrol; guarantees that there will be no rent control." The bill decontrols rents as of December 31, but the President may extend them until March 31, 1948. Even this provision can be countermanded by local authorities, however. An amendment by Monroe M. Redden (D., N. C.) which passed by a vote of 129 to 84 will leave the decision to decontrol up to any county, city or town governmental unit at any time.

Veterans Get Left

HR 3203 also removes all construction controls for veterans housing. Rep. A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.) said this bill "would open up the floodgates of all the unnecessary commercial construction that has been held back for the past 10 or 11 months by the veterans emergency housing law."

Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott, who sponsored and led the fight for this bill on the floor, did so against the opposition of the five major veterans organizations, the American Legion, the American Veterans Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Amvets, and the Disabled Veterans, which favor the retention of all or the majority of these controls.

Cancer Program Receives Setback

Anybody wishing to make a contribution to the cancer control drive may still do so by contacting Mrs. Lloyd L. Nelson or any other member of the Woman's Club. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Control Society.

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The co-op Camp Committee is taking reservations now for twelve long summer days on the Rhode River, not far from the Chesapeake Bay. The dates are August 19 to 31. Notable attractions are the protected swimming areas, canoes, rowboats, and sailboats. Speakers and forums, though strictly optional, will be planned. Campers may join informally arranged ping pong contests, tennis matches, volley ball or softball games. Folk dancing and singing will be part of the evening's fun.

The staff will include a nurse and a waterfront safety director, and children's counsellors will be on hand to provide fun for youngsters and free time for parents. For 7 days or more, rates are \$5 a day for adults, \$3.75 for children under 12 years. For shorter periods, the charge is \$5.50 for adults, \$4 for children.

High Glee Club To Sing May 13

The 25 members of the High School Glee Club who recently sang over Station WGAY will schedule a repeat performance at the Hi PTA next Tuesday, May 13. The meeting will be held at 8:15 p. m. in the High School Auditorium. The Greenbelt Band will open with a half hour concert, and refreshments will be served by the faculty.

Leon G. Benefiel, president, announces that election of officers for the following year will be held, and that annual reports will be given.

What Goes On

Saturday, May 10—Reps vs. Clifton Liquors, 8:00 p. m., Braden Field. American Automobile Assn. vs. Judd-Detweiler, 9:15.

Sunday, May 11—Shamrocks vs. Gaithersburg, 3:00 p. m., Braden Field.

Monday, May 12—Council meeting, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, May 13—Elementary school track meet, 9:30 a. m., Braden Field. Health Association meeting and lawn social for new staff members, 8:15 p. m. High school PTA, high auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

Friday, May 16—Methodist Bazaar, theater lobby, 10 a. m.

Legion Team Outlasts

Hyattsville Nine-Men

In a game that proceeded to get wilder and wilder as it went along, the local Legion team staggered through nine innings of something that resembled a baseball game, to beat Hyattsville 15 to 13 last Saturday. After trailing for 7 innings, Greenbelt came through with 10 runs in the 8th off Wilson, but still had to fight off a desperate last inning rally by Hyattsville to win.

Goodall of Greenbelt was chased in the fourth as a pitcher, but wound up getting 4 hits as a centerfielder. Scott finished the game for Greenbelt in a dazed condition. Benefiel collected 2 hits in the big eighth for the local team, while Hogman and Kane did their best for Hyattsville at the plate. A total of 28 runs, 22 hits, and 12 errors were well distributed amongst the contestants.

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Greenbelt Girl Scouts will be joined by Berwyn troops at this year's Day Camp, to be held at the lake June 23-26. The nature program is under the direction of Mrs. G. Stuart Parker, a former Greenbelt who taught at the center school. Additional help is needed, and interested persons are asked to call Mrs. J. H. Elder, camp director, or her assistant, Mrs. Lloyd Nelson.

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JCC Meets May 12

The next regular meeting of the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt will be held on May 12 at 8:30 in room 201, center school. There will be a reading of proposed amendments to the by-laws regarding the duties of the president and of the board of trustees.

Also on the agenda is the ratification of the acceptance of the Sunday School, its inclusion in the budget, and ratification of the entire budget. Rough sketches and plans of the proposed building will be shown and discussed. Time permitting, there will be an open forum before the close of the meeting. All are urged to attend.

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